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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that we have successfully returned our K-6 students back to school for five days of in-person instruction per week, we are moving to add alternating Wednesdays to the schedule of our grades 7-12 students.

Beginning Wednesday, November 18, an additional "in-person" day of instruction will begin. Students assigned to Cohort 2 (BB) will attend school on Wednesday, November 18. Students assigned to Cohort 1 (AA) will begin to attend after the Thanksgiving break on Wednesday, December 2. This rotation will continue until at least the end of the semester.

In the meantime, the Board of Education and District administrators are exploring a Phase Three to the Reopening Plan. A number of possible alternatives are being discussed that include returning students in grades seven and eight to full in-person, five day per week instruction. Other considerations are returning particular grades in the high school to five days per week instruction. These discussions are ongoing as we keep a careful eye on the local COVID-19 rates.

The addition of the rotating Wednesdays should be considered a first step toward other changes and the return of more students. We are heading into the holiday season, which is a great concern to many health experts. There is a likelihood of further increase in the COVID rate as the community moves indoors and we see the occurrences of family gatherings. Further, significant changes cannot be made to the Reopening Plan until we can assess the impact of the virus on our community during the holidays.

Also, please be advised that effective Monday, November 23, all teachers will be moving to live streaming their lessons and teaching remotely according to their schedules. Attendance will be taken each day. Failure to attend these remote, live streamed lessons may result in failing the class and loss of credit. The expectation is that five days of instruction will be provided for all.

I wish the Mount Sinai Community a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Gordon Brosdal
Superintendent of Schools

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